

PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES  
October 13, 2006

ROLL CALL

The meeting of the Physician Assistant Committee was called to order at 1:25 p.m. by Paul Shellabarger, P.A., in Conference Room 5B, Nebraska State Office Building, 301 Centennial Mall, Lincoln, Nebraska. Copies of the agenda were sent to the Committee members, media and other interested parties prior to the meeting. The following members answered roll call.

Paul Shellabarger, P.A., Chair  
Charles Scholtes, PA, Vice-Chair  
Randy Kohl, M.D.  
Gerald Luckey, M.D., via telephone  
Carl Rossitto

A quorum was present and the meeting convened. Also present were Becky Wisell, Section Administrator, and Vonda Apking, Credentialing Coordinator, Credentialing Division; Michael Grutsch, Program Manager, Investigations Division; Terri Nutzman, Assistant Attorney General.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Kohl moved, seconded by Rossitto, to approve the agenda. Voting aye: Kohl, Luckey, Rossitto, Scholtes, Shellabarger. Voting nay: none. Absent: none. Motion carried.

INVESTIGATIONAL REPORTS – CLOSED SESSION

Kohl moved, seconded by Luckey, to go into closed session at 1:26 p.m. for the purpose of hearing investigational reports. Voting aye: Kohl, Luckey, Rossitto, Scholtes, Shellabarger. Voting nay: none. Absent: none. Motion carried.

Kohl moved, seconded by Scholtes, to return to open session at 1:56 p.m. Voting aye: Kohl, Luckey, Rossitto, Scholtes, Shellabarger. Voting nay: none. Absent: none. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Luckey moved, seconded by Kohl, to approve the meeting minutes of March 17, 2006, and July 7, 2006, as presented. Voting aye: Kohl, Luckey, Rossitto, Scholtes, Shellabarger. Voting nay: none. Absent: none. Motion carried.

APPLICATION REVIEW

Kohl moved, seconded by Luckey, to approve the physician assistant supervisor application of Steven Mahnke, M.D. and Brandon McLaughlin, P.A. Voting aye: Kohl, Luckey, Rossitto, Scholtes, Shellabarger. Voting nay: none. Absent: none. Motion carried.

Scholtes moved, seconded by Kohl, to approve the application to supervise a third physician assistant of James Biskup, M.D. and Jessica Francis, P.A. Voting aye: Kohl, Luckey, Rossitto, Scholtes, Shellabarger. Voting nay: none. Absent: none. Motion carried.

The committee members determined that the application of Jennifer Brown, M.D. and Kelly Hohlen, P.A., to supervise a physician assistant at a secondary site does not apply. The reason the application does not apply is that the purposed site of practice is not considered a secondary site.

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#### REPORT FROM THE LICENSEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (LAP) – JUDI LEIBROCK

Judi Liebrock explained to the Committee that LAP has discontinued doing pre-licensure evaluations as of July 1, 2006. LAP will be providing presentations, doing assessments, and focusing on current case management. Kohl questioned whether ASI evaluations are being used. Ms. Leibrock explained that she incorporates the ASI evaluation tools into her own format.

#### 2007 LEGISLATION

Wisell stated that the proposed ULL rewrite language will be introduced by the Department. The Committee members were sent a 944 page draft to review and were given until November 15, 2006, to provide comments. Wisell informed the Committee that there were some changes to the draft language. The first change was that there will not be any additions to the number of Board or Committee members because the Governor's Policy Research committee believes it has a large fiscal impact. The second change was the addition of language requiring an applicant for licensure providing proof of being a United States citizen or legal alien. Wisell asked the Committee members to review their practice act changes and provide any comments to the Department by the November 15, 2006, deadline.

#### GENERAL INFORMATION

The Committee members set meeting dates for 2007 with a start time of 1:30 p.m., as follows:

January 5, 2006  
February 16, 2006  
March 20, 2006  
May 25, 2006  
June 29, 2006  
August 24, 2006  
October 5, 2006  
November 16, 2006

#### ADJOURNMENT

Kohl moved, seconded by Rossitto, to adjourn the meeting at 3:09 p.m. Voting aye: Kohl, Luckey, Rossitto, Scholtes, Shellabarger. Voting nay: none. Absent: none. Motion carried.

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Vonda Apking, Credentialing Coordinator  
Recorder